Information Sheet: Visiting the National Library of Medicine

From Metro to NIH Gateway Center

- The Medical Center red line Metro stop is located right outside of the NIH campus (where the Library is located).
- Upon exiting the Metro stop, follow the signs pointing to the NIH entrance, pass through the turnstile, and enter into the NIH Gateway Center on your left to undergo a security check before heading to the Library.

For a visual reference, see the partial map below.

NIH Gateway Center Security Procedure

- Everyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Everyone 16 and older must bring and present one form of government-issued picture ID at the NIH Gateway Center. [Two IDs are required for orange alert days.]
- Similar to airport security, everyone in the group will walk through a magnetometer; have personal belongings inspected; and be given an NIH visitor pass.

We advise you to travel light to the Library to expedite the security process.

Directions

- Via a walking path: exiting the NIH Gateway Center, you may follow the walking path that begins to the right of the Center and is lined with signs pointing to the National Library of Medicine (38) and Natcher (45). You will walk through a parking lot, grassy area, and between 2 buildings. When you walk pass a day care center on your left, follow the pedestrian walk way toward the front of Natcher (45). You will see a high-rise building across the street from Natcher building. Cross Center Drive and walk toward the high rise which is the Lister Hill Center (Building 38A), where your meeting will be held.
- Via "Limited" campus shuttle: you may catch this bus from the bus shelters across the circular drive in front of the Gateway Center. Get off at the second stop in front of the Lister Hill Center (Building 38A). Your meeting will take place in the Lister Hill Auditorium, on the first floor of that building.

